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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the Alliance for Community Media, teachers, students, museum, library, and local community users of our local educational access channel, non-profit groups around the county, and American taxpayers, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such a time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

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xc: President Bill Clinton; Representative Jim Davis; Senator Bob Graham; Senator Connie Mack; Edward O. Fritts, Chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters; Alliance for Community Media; Tampa Educational Cable Consortium Board of Directors; Tampa-Hillsborough Cable Advisory Committee

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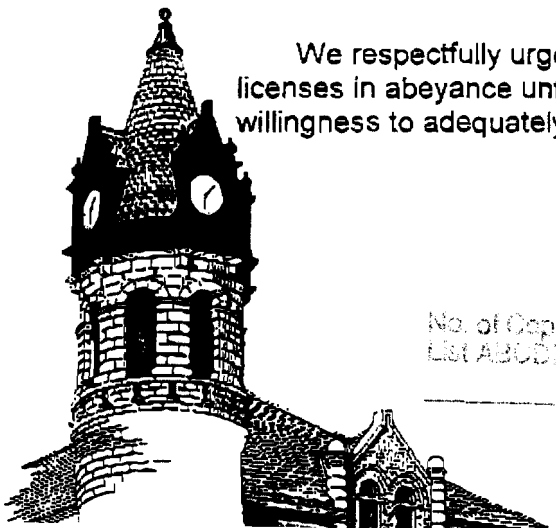
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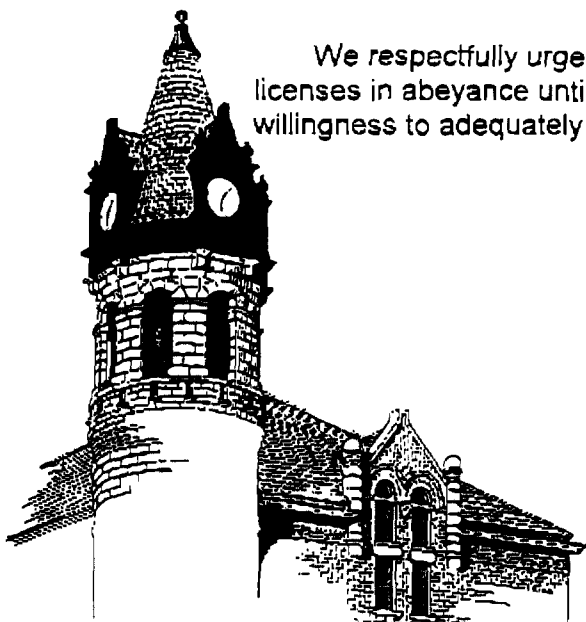
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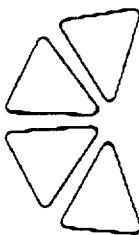
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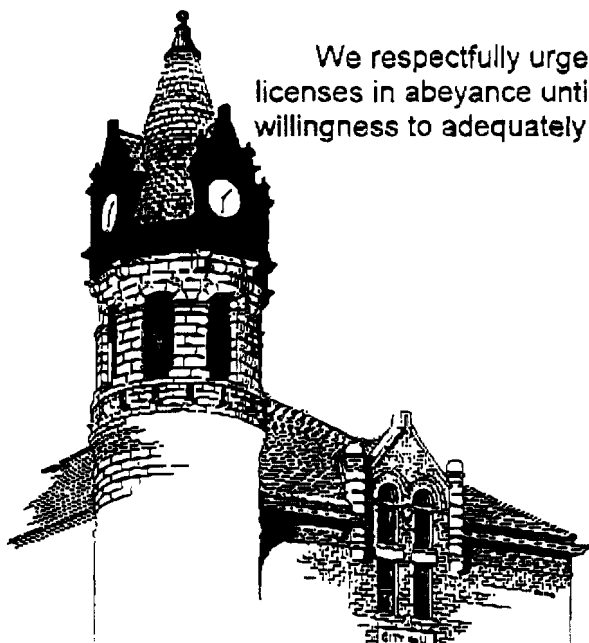
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Sincerely, *Charles Overholt* Chairman
533 Derry St of Cable
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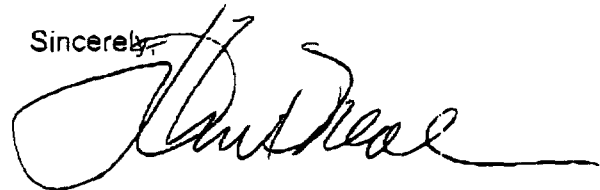
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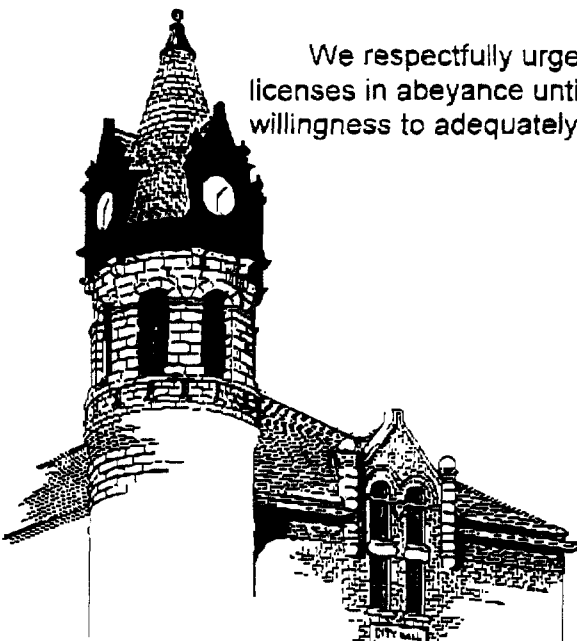
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the Chair of the Northeast Region of the Alliance for Community Media, a professional involved in Public Access Television, and a deeply concerned taxpayer, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until they are ready to use them, and to demand appropriate compensation be made to a public interest media fund for their use of this incredibly valuable and uniquely scarce public property.

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Instead, the tens of billions of dollars raised from a public auction of this spectrum could be used to provide support for public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access to the broadcast media. Non-commercial, non-profit PEG is a highly successful model for creating and promoting citizen involvement in local affairs, and produces more programming per year than all broadcasters combined. PEG access supports distance learning, community involvement and democratic discourse over a variety of media. Now the Commission has an opportunity to give non-profit entities and citizens the ability to generate and disseminate information using the vastly increased carrying capacity of digital television. Funds generated by the sale of digital spectrum at auction could help our children and extend the benefits of the Information Superhighway to all.

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Sincerely,

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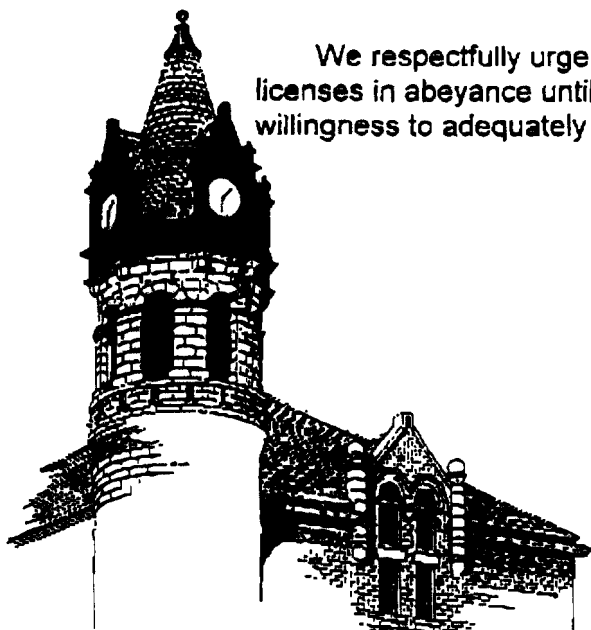
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge you and other members of the FCC to ensure that broadcasters pay the government for their use of the public airwaves and delay issuing licenses for digital transmissions to broadcasters until they are actually ready to begin transmitting digital broadcasts.

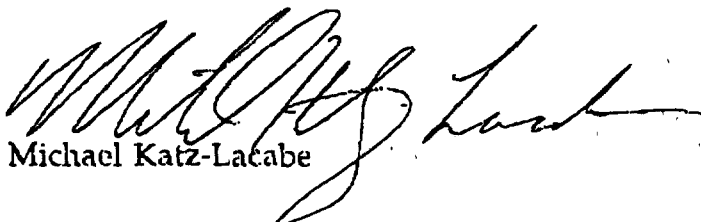
While I am excited about the possibilities of digital broadcasts, failure of the government to demand appropriate fees for use of the public airwaves amounts to corporate welfare for media giants such as Westinghouse, Disney, and others.

In addition, if these companies are allowed to use the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum allotted for digital broadcasts for other uses, it would give them an unfair advantage over other wireless companies that have had to pay for their use of the spectrum.

I respectfully urge the members of the FCC to demand adequate compensation for use of public air waves and for the issuance of digital broadcast licenses to be delayed until broadcasters are ready to begin digital broadcasts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

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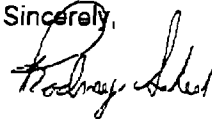
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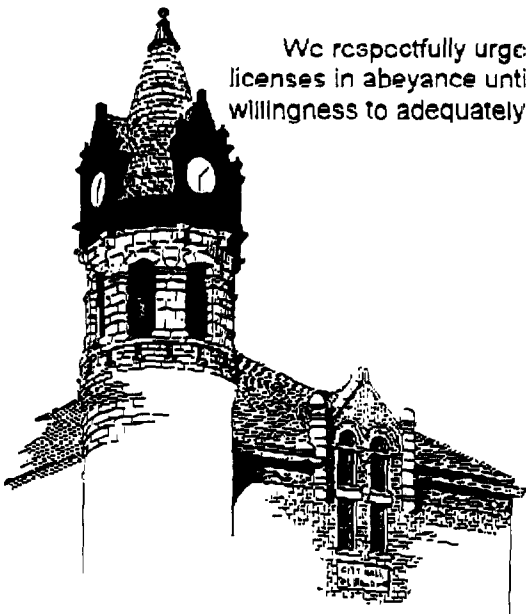
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BY FAX: (202) 418-2801

Dear Chairman Hundt:


On behalf of the Shawnee Free-Net Board of Directors and the membership of our community computing network, I respectfully ask that the Commission delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

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I respectfully urge the Commission to hold the issuance of these valuable licenses in abeyance until such time as the broadcasting industry indicates its willingness to adequately compensate American taxpayers for the use of their property.

Sincerely,


Bob Pauls
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BY MAIL AND BY FAX: (202) 418-2801

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the Public Access Corporation of the District of Columbia; individual, non-profit and local business (non-commercial) users of our community access center; the Alliance for Community Media; and American taxpayers, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property, and to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they need to use them for providing digital television programming.

Fair compensation must be a baseline requirement for all use of public property. This must be so even when taking into consideration development of those resources for some tangible public benefit as an expected return. Such return as the industry has proposed is finite, and is very short term relative to the tenure of the right to public entitlement of the benefits of the resource. Seventy billion dollars that could be obtained from auctioning our valuable public electromagnetic spectrum would be greatly beneficial to the nation, especially as we try to expand the benefits of the information superhighway to everybody and to bolster our efforts to properly educate our children to build the future. While there are many ways in which seventy billion dollars could be spent to assure all people access to advanced telecommunications services, one possibility is that the money could be used to provide support for our public, educational, and governmental ("PEG") access and even expand its potential reach to the broadcast media. As you are aware, non-commercial PEG is one of our few locally-focused television services remaining in the trend to merge telecommunications companies and nationalize programming, and non-profit PEG access is a highly successful model for creating and promoting citizen involvement in local affairs. PEG supports distance learning, community involvement and democratic discourse over a variety of media. The Commission has an opportunity to give non-profit entities and individuals the ability to generate and disseminate information using the vastly increased carrying capacity of digital television through funds generated by the sale of digital spectrum at an auction.

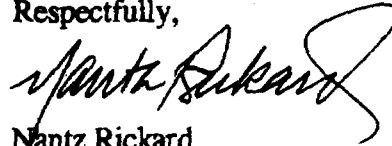
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We strongly urge the Commission to hold the issuance of these valuable licenses in abeyance until such time as the broadcasting industry indicates its willingness to adequately compensate American citizens for the use of our property.

Respectfully,



Nantz Rickard
Executive Director

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Office of Secretary**The Honorable Reed M. Hundt**
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

CEMA endorses the broadcasters' proposal to expedite transmission of digital television (DTV) signals. The broadcasters' accelerated schedule for DTV rollout is a significant step in ensuring a prompt and orderly transition to digital television.

Our industries will continue to work with the broadcasters and the FCC to bring DTV to the American public as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

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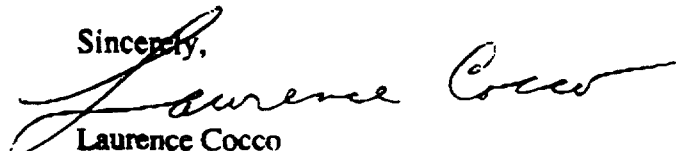
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I understand that the FCC is currently considering assigning digital broadcast licenses to the broadcast television industry. I urge you to delay this decision until the broadcasters are ready to use these licenses, and that they be required to compensate the public for the use of its airwaves. The public has a right to know how the spectrum will be used so that its total allocation will incorporate public interest as well as commercial concerns, and it has a right to be compensated. The funds derived from this compensation are desperately needed to provide funding for noncommercial, local, democracy-friendly programming.

As a political scientist who has studied the communications industry and communications in society, I know that these concerns are especially hard to address once momentum has been established behind commercialization. There is no public interest in adding to that momentum at the present time. We need to deliberately consider and implement public, local, and democratic potentials of a digital world *before* competing uses have become entrenched.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Paul Wieland

Executive Director

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